

and Mr. S. Stevens a number of minute *Coleoptera*, collected from moss during the preceding winter.

The Rev. F. W. Hope exhibited a specimen of a new and coarse kind of white silk, communicated by Mr. Strachan. He also read some extracts from a letter received by him from Mr. Fortnum, Corr. Mem. E.S. at Adelaide, in South Australia, containing many observations on the entomology of that district.

Mr. Westwood exhibited specimens of *Uropoda vegetans* which had been found in countless multitudes on the surface of the ground, in a cucumber frame, and which attached themselves to a beetle introduced into the frame.

The following memoirs were read :—

Continuation of a memoir on the *Chrysomelidæ* of New Holland allied to *Cryptocephalus*. By W. W. Saunders, Esq., President, containing detailed descriptions of the following insects :—

OCHROSOPSIS, n. g., divided from *Anodonta*. *Eyes reniform*. *Antennæ* as long as the body, 11-jointed; 1st joint robust, clavate; 2nd small, obconic; 3rd, 4th and 5th of nearly equal length; 4th shortest, the remainder gradually decreasing in size. *Thorax* rounded in front, transverse, nearly as broad as the *elytra*. *Elytra* half as long again as broad. *Legs* moderate. *Colour* pale.

Ochrosopsis vermicularis. Reddish-brown; *thorax* and *elytra* fulvous, rugose, with the impressed punctures black, those on the *elytra* forming irregular striae; *legs* light rufous brown. Length $\frac{3}{10}$ inch.—Hab. New Holland. Mus. Hope.

Ochrosopsis australis. Head ochre-yellow; *antennæ* dusky brown; *thorax* shining reddish brown, with a longitudinal band and two faint oblique bands of fulvous, with large black impressions; *scutellum* dark brown; *elytra* fulvous, with large irregular impressions; beneath pale ochre-yellow; *legs* dusky fulvous. Length $\frac{5}{20}$ inch.—Hab. Swan River. Mus. Hope.

Ochrosopsis erosa. Head ochre-yellow; *antennæ* black; *thorax* shining fulvous, with coarse black impressions forming two blackish patches; *scutellum* black; *elytra* pale ochre-yellow, with deep and irregular black punctures, which are occasionally confluent; *legs* light reddish brown. Length $\frac{2}{10}$ inch.—Hab. Swan River. Mus. Hope.

Ochrosopsis melanocephala. Head ochre-yellow, with the vertex and a central line black; *antennæ* black; *thorax* ochre-yellow, with a small oblong patch near the hinder angles, and a large triangular patch on each side in front black and punctured; *scutellum* black; *elytra* shining ochre-yellow, with dark brown punctures; *legs* reddish brown; *tips* of *femora*, *tibiæ* and *tarsi* black. Length $\frac{2}{10}$ inch.—Hab. New Holland. Mus. Hope.

Aporocera chalybea. Head dark chestnut-brown, mouth ochre; *antennæ* black; *thorax* pitchy black, with ochreous margins deeply punctured; *scutellum* black; *elytra* shining chalybeate blue, deeply punctured; *legs* pale ochre-yellow, with the tips of the *tibiæ* and *tarsi* black. Length $\frac{3}{10}$ inch.—Hab. Port Essington. Mus. Hope.